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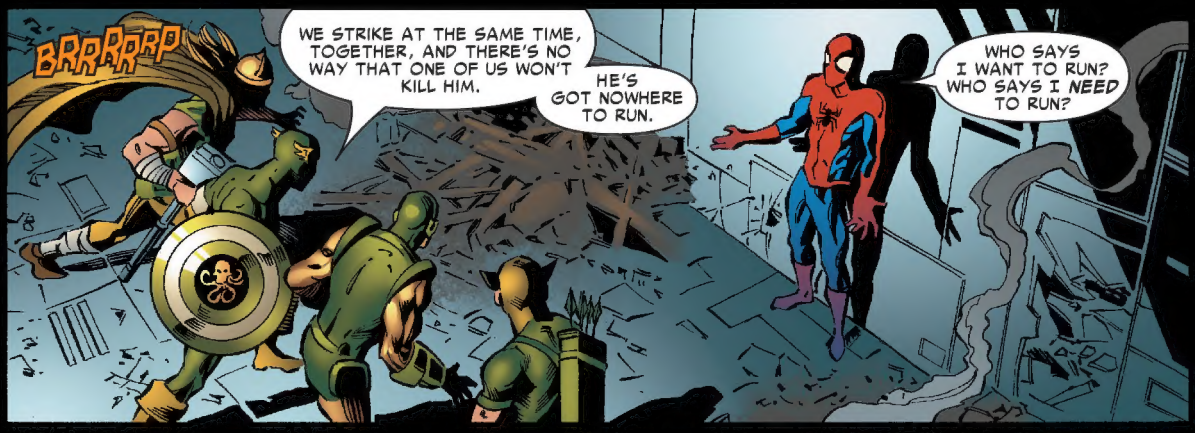
Okay, assessment time.
On the other side of the door behind me are several hundred really ticked off Hydra soldiers ready to take my head off for finding their operation.
On this side of the door, one Hydra guy who's helped me and four others who have been technologically enhanced so that they have abilities similar to some of the main Avengers.
Nice guys, I can tell.
Maybe we can work something out.
"EXTREME MEASURES"
KILL HIM.
Or not.

ZZAKKK!
YOU'RE DOING THAT ALL WRONG, GUY...IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO A NEW YORK HANDSHAKE, THERE SHOULD BE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS IN THAT HAND AND I SHOULD BE AT LEAST A CITY COUNCILMAN.
Okay, assessment number two: what are my advantages?
Good looks, charisma, a biting sense of wit, and I'm one heck of a snappy dresser.
HE'S MINE.
NO, I'VE GOT HIM!
And popular, it seems. But those aren't the three really important advantages.
One: we're in a small room, which is going to box these guys in, limit what they can do without hurting each other.
WATCH IT!
Two: these are guys who look out for themselves. They're not used to working as a team.
Three: for all their enhancements, these guys are just carbon copies of the Avengers. They're not the real deal.
But I AM.

YOU GUYS ARE SO OUT OF FASHION. I MEAN, THE WHOLE EVIL TWIN THING WENT OUT OF VOGUE YEARS AGO.
JUST BE GLAD YOU'RE NOT CLONES.
BECAUSE I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, IF I EVER SEE A CLONE AGAIN, I'LL THROW IT OFF THE NEAREST BRIDGE.
THUS MAKING AN OBSCENE CLONE FALL.
REAL FUNNY.
LAUGH YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS.
WELL, THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A SET-UP, HOW'S YOUR PUNCH LINE?
JUDGE FOR YOURSELF!

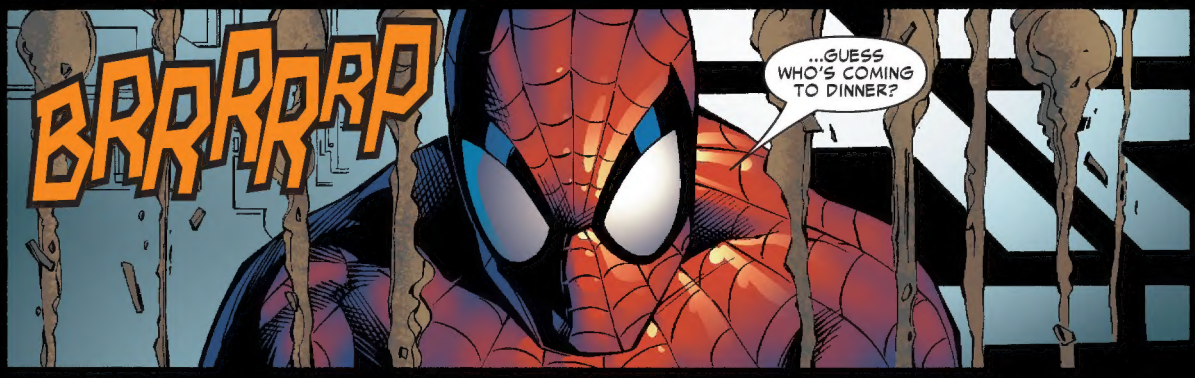
MMMM... ENTHUSIASM, AN 8...ACCURACY, 0, SO YOU DON'T MAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL, THANK YOU FOR PLAYING AND HERE'S CHUCK WITH THE HOME GAME FOR YOU TO--
--PLAY WITH?
Uh-oh--
OOOOFFF!
--should've figured they'd build in the return-to-sender bit.
Got to disable it before he can use it again.
Bingo.
YOU THINK THIS CAN STOP ME? ME?

A MAN WHO CAN CALL DOWN THE THUNDER!?
NO! WAIT--
BA-BOOM!
NO!
Woof...
THAT EMP BLEW OUT HALF MY CIRCUITS, YOU JERK!
NOT MY PROBLEM, PAL.
And now advantage number two begins to rear its cute little head...
DOESN'T MATTER.
Uh-oh...
DOESN'T MATTER IF WE'RE AT HALF STRENGTH OR QUARTER STRENGTH. WHAT MATTERS...IS THAT WE WORK TOGETHER.
Nuts.


BRRRRRP
WE STRIKE AT THE SAME TIME, TOGETHER, AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT ONE OF US WON'T KILL HIM.
HE'S GOT NOWHERE TO RUN.
WHO SAYS I WANT TO RUN? WHO SAYS I NEED TO RUN?

MAYBE YOU GUYS HAVEN'T NOTICED, BUT I HAVE THIS LITTLE THING I CALL SPIDEY SENSE, WHICH ALERTS ME TO ALL SORTS OF THINGS I NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO.
LIKE THOSE BRRRRRPS OF MACHINE-GUN FIRE OUTSIDE THE DOOR.
BRRRRRP

BRRRRRP
SEE, MY THEORY IS, IF IT'S JUST ALL YOUR PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE DOOR, THEN THERE'S NO NEED FOR GUNFIRE, RIGHT?
BUT IF THERE IS GUNFIRE OUTSIDE THE DOOR, THEN THAT RAISES AN INTERESTING QUESTION.
THAT QUESTION BEING...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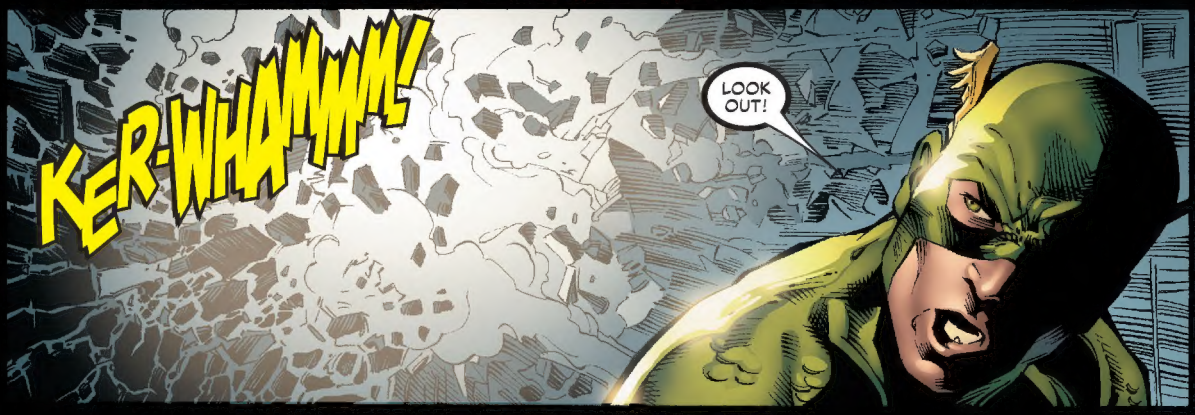
...GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

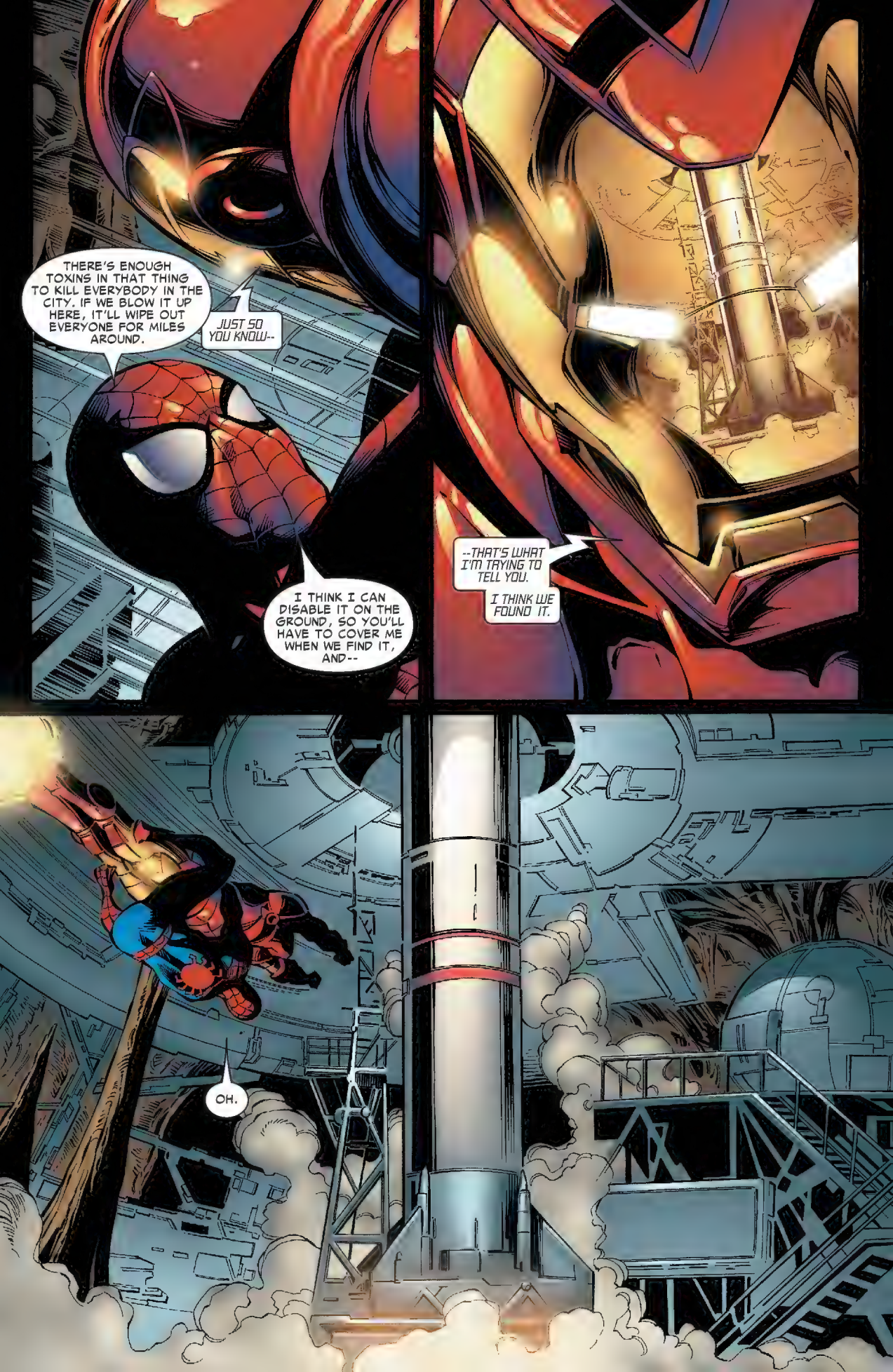

KER-WHAMMM!
LOOK OUT!

GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN. YOU HAVE EXACTLY THREE SECONDS TO SURRENDER.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT TOOK FIVE SECONDS FOR ME TO SAY THAT.
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
YAAAHHHH!
I hesitate for just a second, as I realize, not for the first time, that when I joined the Avengers, I joined history.
Because these guys don't just MAKE history.

They ARE history.
But enough sightseeing. I should get into this before there's nobody left to fight and--
WAIT--
--WE CAN'T STOP NOW, WE HAVE TO GET TO THE MISSILE. IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MY FAMILY.
"I KNOW THESE PEOPLE, AND IT'S A FAIR BET THEY STARTED PREPPING THE MISSILE THE SECOND YOU SHOWED UP. IF I'M RIGHT--
"--WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!"
T MINUS 00 HOURS
4 MINUTES 10 SECONDS
WHERE IS IT?
THERE'S A CONCEALED LAUNCH PAD THREE CHAMBERS EAST OF HERE...BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET THERE IN TIME, NOT ON FOOT.
NOT A PROBLEM.

WHEEEEET!
HEY, BOSS...I NEED A LIFT, FAST!
ON MY WAY. CAP...CAN YOU HOLD THESE GUYS?
CLANGGGG
NOT A PROBLEM.
GO ON. WE'LL CATCH UP.

GET READY TO GRAB ON!
THAT, BOSS...
...HAS NEVER BEEN A PROBLEM FOR ME.
WHICH WAY?
LEFT! POUR IT ON! GIVE ME EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT, SCOTTY!
OKAY, IF YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN HANDLE IT.
I'M SUUUUUUUUURE!
WHAT'S THE TARGET?
THERE'S A HARDENED SCUD MISSILE FILLED WITH TONS OF ANTHRAX AND PLAGUE BACILLI.
THEY'RE GOING TO FIRE IT INTO THE OGALALLA AQUIFER AND POISON THE WATER SUPPLY FOR EIGHT STATES. WE HAVE TO STOP IT FROM BEING FIRED.
NOT A PROBLEM. I CAN BLOW IT ON THE GROUND AND--
NO GOOD.


THERE'S ENOUGH TOXINS IN THAT THING TO KILL EVERYBODY IN THE CITY. IF WE BLOW IT UP HERE, IT'LL WIPE OUT EVERYONE FOR MILES AROUND.
JUST SO YOU KNOW--
I THINK I CAN DISABLE IT ON THE GROUND, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO COVER ME WHEN WE FIND IT, AND--
--THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU.
I THINK WE FOUND IT.
OH.

INCOMING FIRE! TAKING EVASIVE ACTION!
NO! THERE'S NO TIME!
YOU'RE EXPOSED, I CAN'T LEAVE YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS.
MAYBE YOU CAN'T--
--BUT I CAN!
JUST KEEP THEM OFF ME FOR THE NEXT TWO MINUTES!
YOU'VE GOT IT!
OUT OF THE WAY! RIGHT NOW!

JUST LET ME GET THIS DONE, GOD, THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING. JUST LET ME FIND THE OVERRIDE AND FINISH THIS--
01 MINUTE 40 SECONDS

WHEEEOOOTTT! WHEEEOOOTTT!
--BEFORE--

SECURITY OVERRIDE INITIATED

HE MADE IT... THE KID'S FASTER THAN I THOUGHT--
SECURITY OVERRIDE INITIATED

NO...NO... THAT'S NOT MY OVER-RIDE!

NO, IT'S NOT.

YOU LOSE.

HAIL HYDRA.

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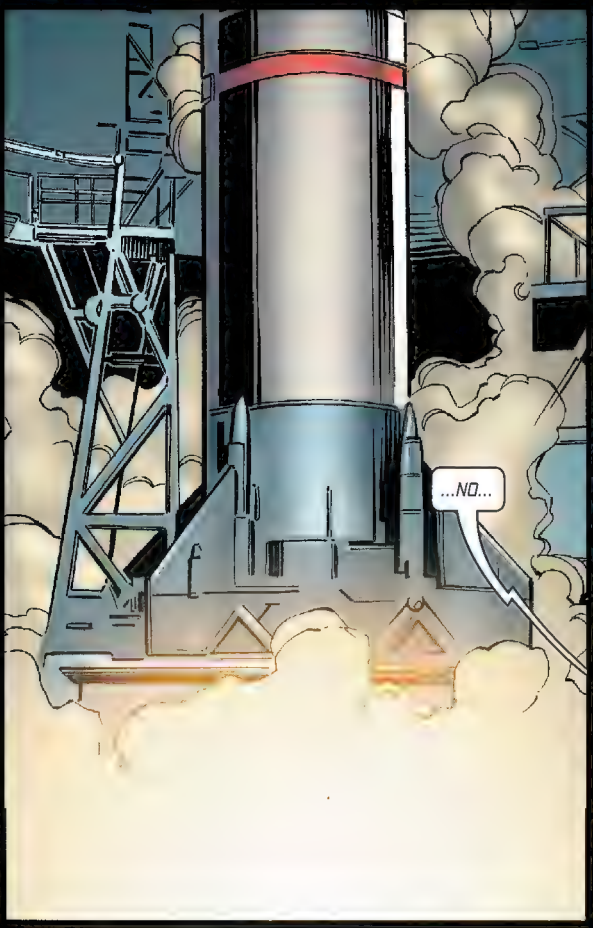
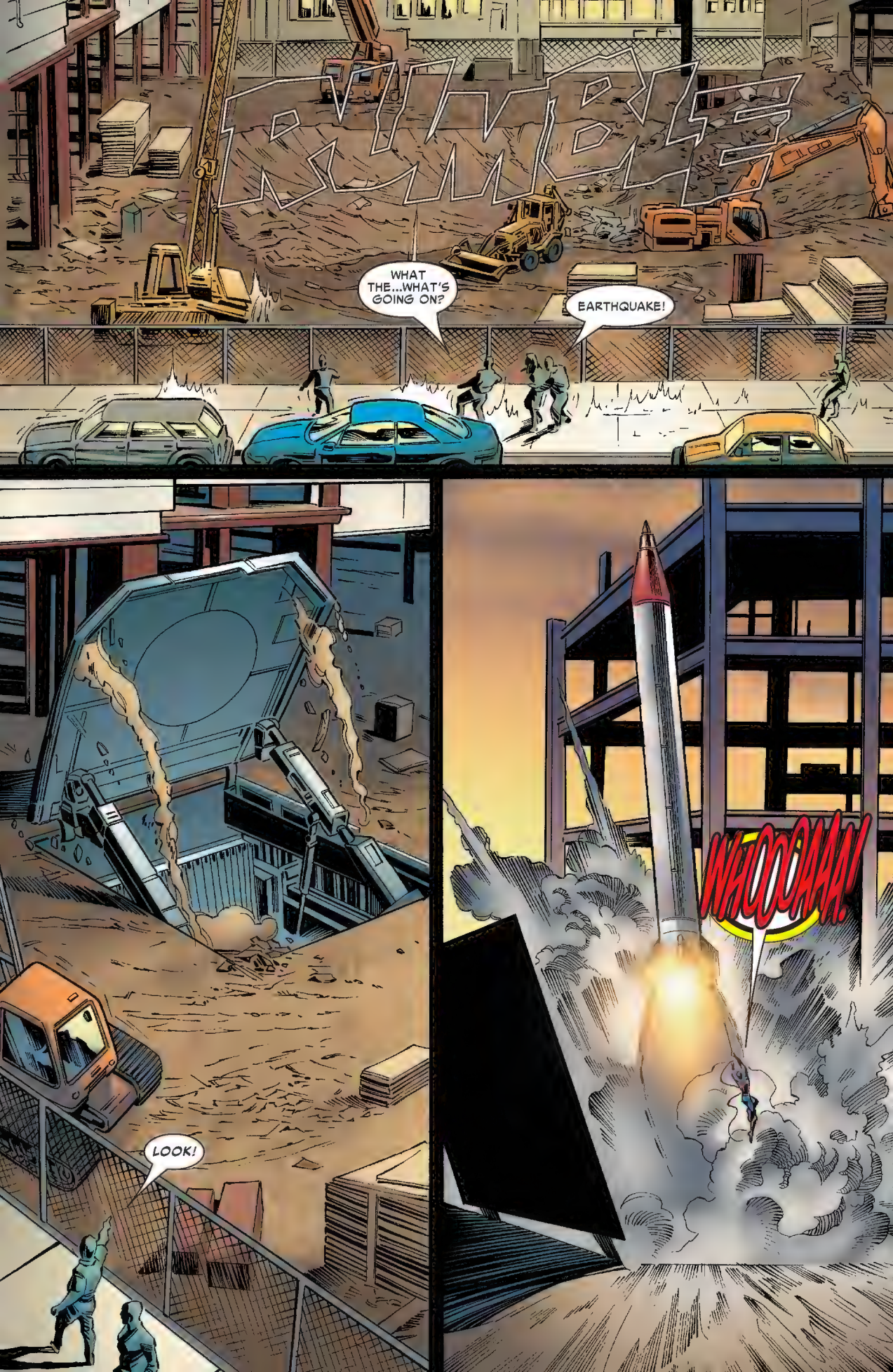

...NO...

NO...

...NO!

Just one chance...got to make this count!
GOT IT!
SPIDER-MAN...
I'VE GOT IT... I CAN DO THIS--
BUCKY, NO!
I CAN DO THIS...I'VE GOT IT...I'VE GOT IT--
--I'VE GOT IT--


RUMBLE
WHAT THE...WHAT'S GOING ON?
EARTHQUAKE!
LOOK!
WHOOAAA!

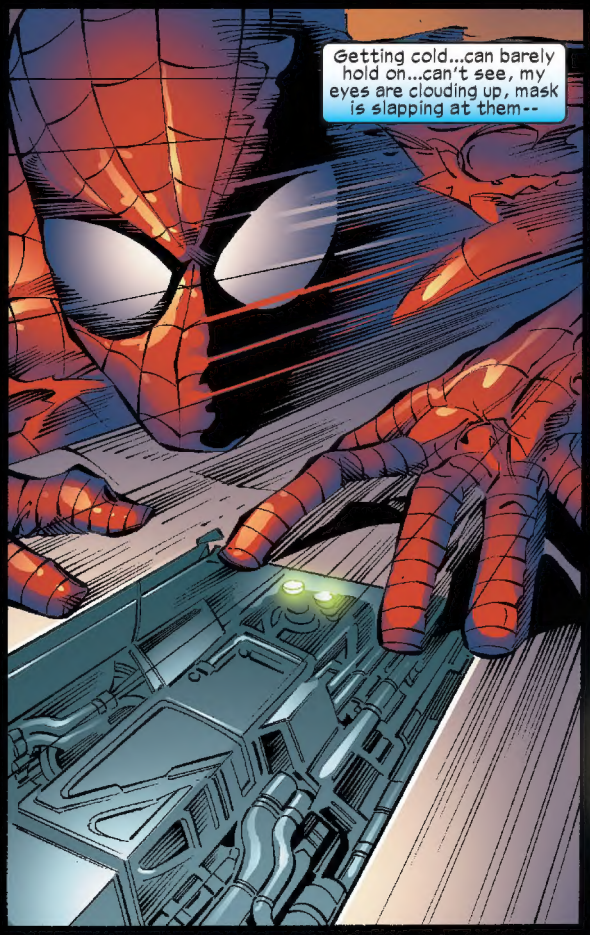
EEEEEEEE!
WHAT THE--?

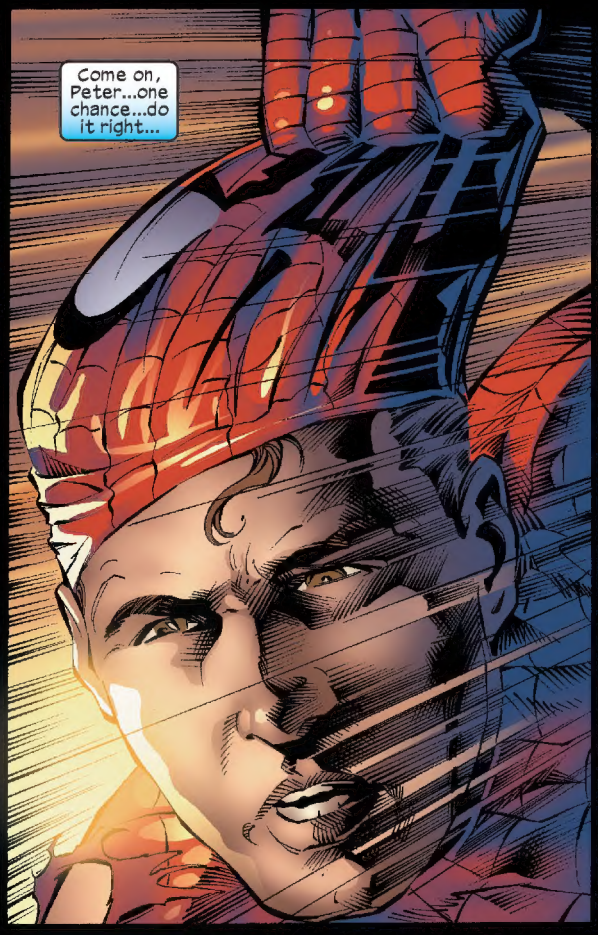
IT'S COMING DOWN!
PAT MAN

UNNNH...
EVERYONE, GET CLEAR! I CAN'T HOLD THIS FOR LONG! GET CLEAR! GET--

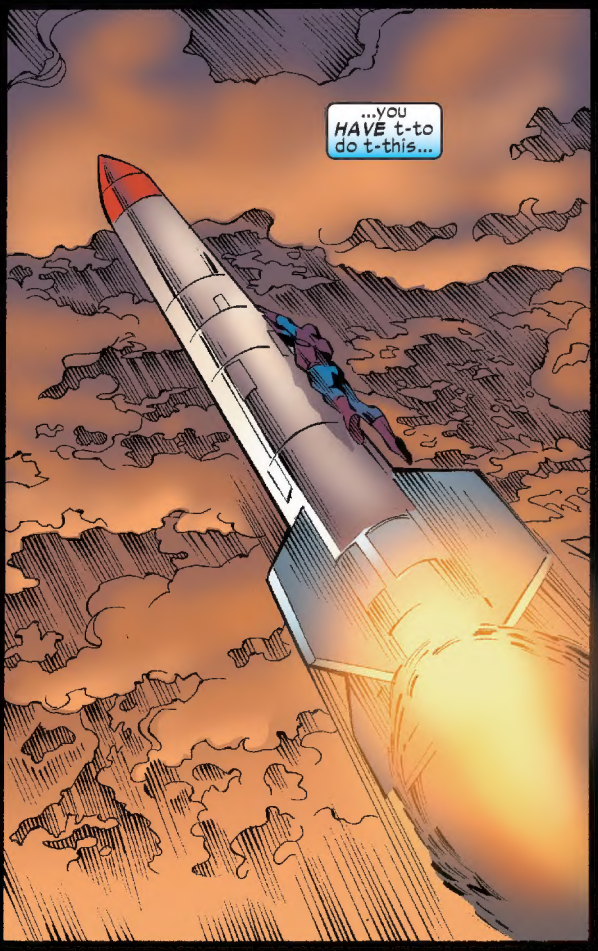
--CLEAR!

I'LL NEVER CATCH IT NOW...IT HAS TOO MUCH OF A HEAD-START--
--BUT I HAVE TO TRY!
Oxygen's thin already...this thing is really moving...if I can't stop it fast--
--no...have to stop it...I WILL stop it...
Every missile like this...has a gyroscopic and GPS system... constantly checking its speed and position to stay on target--
Just got to get to it...try to send it off course...head for the ocean, far from land...

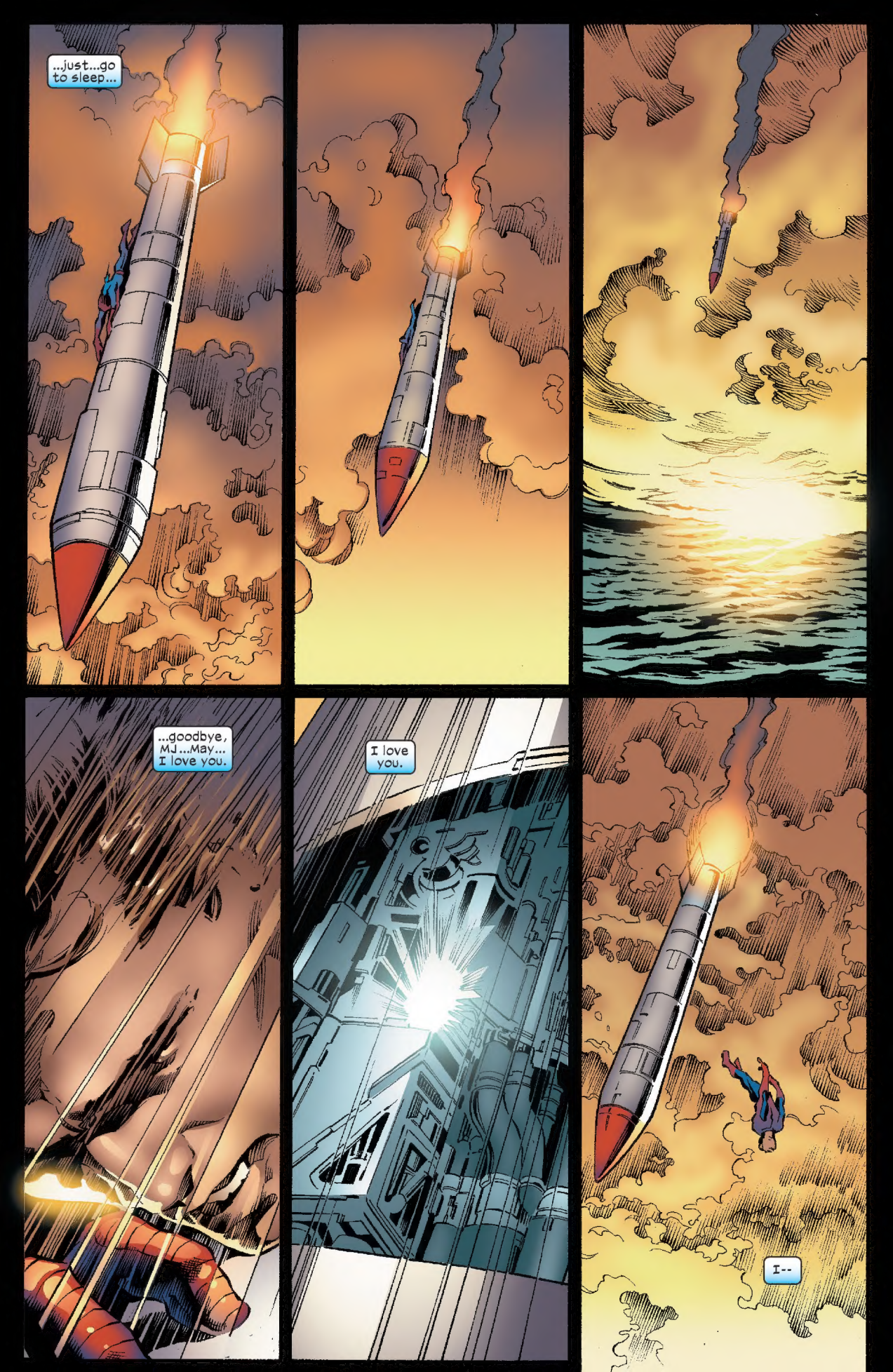

Getting cold...can barely hold on...can't see, my eyes are clouding up, mask is slapping at them--


Come on, Peter...one chance...do it right...

...so c-cold...fingers getting numb... c-come on, Peter... you can do this...


...you HAVE t-to do t-this...

--YES!--
That's it...take it up, as high as I c-can... at this speed, we'll be over the ocean in minutes...so high up... that the toxins will evaporate or dissolve in the ocean--
Can't breathe... c-can't let go... have to ride it out...until--
--until.
Funny...when I said the Avengers were history...I didn't realize that I was going to end up history myself.
Starting to black out... got to fight it...hold on until I can detonate this thing safely...just a little longer.
So peaceful up here...feel like I could sleep...just go to sleep...


...just...go to sleep...
...goodbye, MJ...May... I love you.
I love you.
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